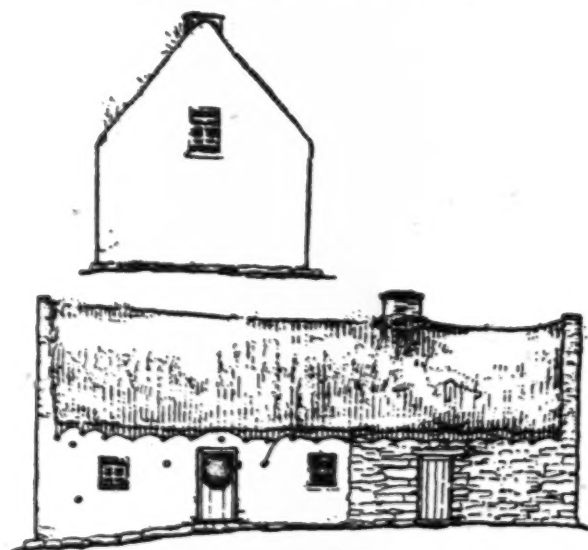


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Fig. 4. Gable-chimney house.
Cillrualaig, Co. Kerry. The
cattle once in the lower end
of the house. Now removed
to a house added to the upper
gable wall. 1 table, 2 bed, 3
dresser, 4 cradle, 5 bench, 6
table, 7 sowhouse.

fig. 4. In Co. Kerry, Co. Galway and other parts of Ireland, I have been told [171]
of rough strong doors of wattles bound together with ropes of *sugáin*. Such
a door, the hurdle door, *sgálán fraoigh* or *scalpán*, was more commonly used
as a door for cattle sheds. It is found also in Scotland (see e. g. an illustration
showing sheilings in Jura (S. W. Scotland) in Pinkertons Voyages and
Travels, vol. III, p. 278, London 1809) and it is mentioned in the Ancient Irish
laws. About the two opposite doors and the half-doors see p. 217.

In older times a hole in the wall, a looplight, served as window. It was closed [284,
at night with a hay-wisp or a wooden shutter, *cómhla*, which was removed 414] ●
by day and secured at night by a stick placed across or by a latch.